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SUBJ: RTG TRANSPORT OF REFUGEES BACK TO CAMPS

REF: BANGKOK 3919

1. ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, THE RTG REQUESTED THE EMBASSY TO INFORM ALL REFUGEES WHO COME TO THE REFUGEE SECTION FOR REGISTRATION AND INTERVIEWS THAT THEY SHOULD PROVIDE THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES SO THAT THE RTG COULD TRANSPORT THEM TO REFUGEES CAMPS. REFUGEES NOT RESIDING IN CMAPS ARE BY RTG DEFINITION "ILLEGAL ALIENS". THE RTG LETTER TO THE EMBASSY SAID THAT IF REFUGEES DO NOT RETURN TO CAMP, THEY WILL BE "ARRESTED AND REPATRIATED TO THEIR COUNTRIES".

2. THUS FAR, OVER 310 PEOPLE HAVE REGISTERED FOR TRANSPORT TO THE CAMPS WITH THE EMBASSY AND ABOUT 400 PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT PART OF OUR CASELOAD HAVE ALSO REGISTERED WITH UNHCR.

3. WE ARE PRESENTLY SEEKING WRITTEN ASSURANCES FROM THE UNHCR AND RTG TO SUPPLEMENT WORKING LEVEL NOTE FORM MOI THAT IF REFUGEES AGREE TO GO TO A CAMP, THEY WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS OR REPATRIATION.

4. COMMENT: ARREST OF "ILLEGALS" WHO REMAIN OUT OF CAMPS MAY INCREASE AFTER THIS TRANSFER IS COMPLETED.

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THE RTG IS SHOWING A DETERMINATION NOT TO PERMIT

SEEPAGE FROM THE CAMPS. SOME AMONG THE ILLEGALS HAVE
MADE A FAIR START AT RESETTLING IN THAILAND AND ARE NOW
GOING TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO REAL REFUGEES ONCE AGAIN.
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